

VENONA

~~TOP SECRET~~

USSR

Ref. No.: 3/NBF/T2016

Issued : [REDACTED] 5/10/1972

Copy No.: 301

"REMBRANDT" AND "GRINGO": ENQUIRY ABOUT PROPOSED  
DEPARTURE, POSSIBLY TO THE ISLAND  
(1944)

From: MEXICO CITY

To: MOSCOW

No.: 892

27th November 1944

To VIKTOR[i].

In reply to No. 5520[a].

During the past week I have received three contradictory telegrams about  
"REMBRANDT"[ii].

1. In telegram No. 5302[b] the following is pointed out: "In the circumstances which have arisen, REMBRANDT cannot be got out of MEXICO CITY".
2. In telegram No. 5416[c] the following is pointed out: "REMBRANDT undoubtedly [4 groups unrecovered] leave for the ISLAND[OSTROV][iii]" and even take "GRINGO"[iv] with him. It is further pointed out that if the journey to the ISLAND does not come off, R.[v] is to be sent to any country

[22 groups unrecovered]

[Continued overleaf]

3/NBF/T2016

VENONA

~~TOP SECRET~~

VERNONIA

~~TOP SECRET~~

- 2 -

3/NBF/T2016

to[d] SOUTH AMERICA [C% .]

[C% 4.] In reply to this, [B% your telegram]

[87 groups unrecoverable]

Notes: [a] Not available.

[b] MOSCOW to MEXICO CITY No. 653 of 15th November 1944 (3/NBF/T539).

[c] MOSCOW to MEXICO CITY No. 656 of 18th November 1944 (unpublished).

[d] Or "in".

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] REMBRANDT: José SANCHA PADROS.

[iii] ISLAND: GREAT BRITAIN.

[iv] GRINGO: Marianne (or Mary Ann) LENSON, née DIEHL, also known as GROHOL.

[v] R.: i.e. "REMBRANDT" (Comment [ii]).

3/NBF/T2016

~~TOP SECRET~~